## Invitation for the Fifth Round Applications for the Urban Renewal Heritage Preservation and District Revitalisation Funding Scheme

As part of the new Urban Renewal Strategy promulgated by the Development Bureau in February 2011, one of the main objects of the Urban Renewal Trust Fund is to support heritage preservation and district revitalisation initiatives in the urban renewal context. As the trustee of the Trust Fund, the Urban Renewal Fund (URF) operates the Urban Renewal Heritage Preservation and District Revitalisation Funding Scheme (the Funding Scheme) to provide financial support to urban renewal preservation and revitalisation projects proposed by the community.

Invitation for the Fifth Round applications for the Funding Scheme has commenced on 19 December 2019. The closing date is 8 May 2020. Eligible organizations include non-governmental organizations, educational institutes and professional bodies, social enterprises, individuals and other entities if the project is formed as part of their corporate social responsibility or is carried out in partnership led by not-for-profit organizations. Other organizations will also be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The objectives of the Funding Scheme is to promote heritage preservation and district revitalisation in urban renewal context to improve quality of life of residents; to provide financial support to urban renewal heritage preservation and district revitalisation initiatives from NGOs and other stakeholders; as well as to encourage community participation in urban renewal heritage preservation and district revitalisation at the local level.

The Theme of the Fifth Round is "Co-Creating Community Space: New-Old Fusion; People-Place Connection; Artistic Ambience". Applications for thematic projects will receive particular consideration while those for non-thematic projects are also welcome.

Two briefings sessions will be organized for interested parties, to enhance their understanding on the objectives and scope of the Funding Scheme. <u>Also, successful</u> applicants of the Third and Fourth Round will share on their projects.

## **Briefing Session 1**

Date: 14 January 2020 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:45p.m. (Registration starts at 2:30p.m.)

Venue: Grand Hall, Hong Kong Playground Association, 3/F, 3/F, 38 Nelson Street,

Mongkok, Kowloon

## **Briefing Session 2**

Date: 17 January 2020 (Friday)

Time: 2:45p.m. (Registration starts at 2:30p.m.)

Venue: Multi-Function Rooms (A,C,D), H6 CONET, G/F, The Center, 99 Queen's Road

Central, Hong Kong

The Funding Scheme Application Guidelines, the Notes for Submission and Application Form are available at: <a href="http://www.urfund.org.hk">http://www.urfund.org.hk</a>

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